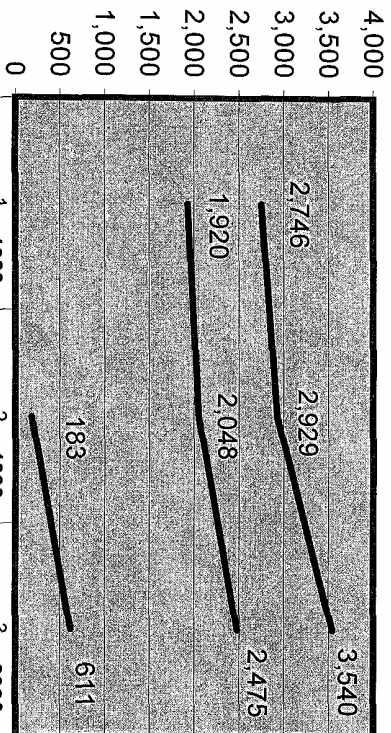


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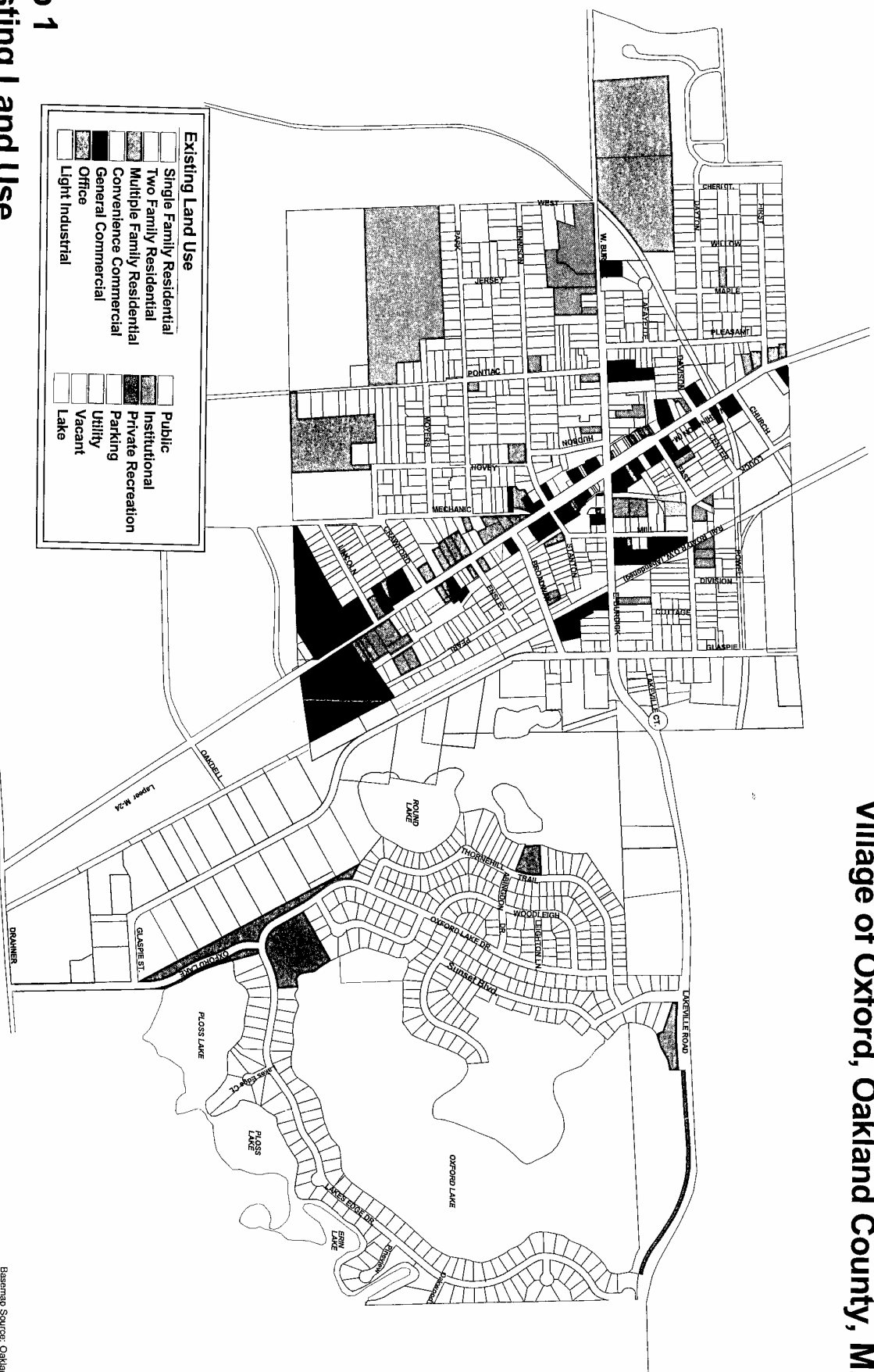
# Village of Oxford Population and Density per Square Mile (1.43) 1980 to 2000



Population	2,746	2,929	3,540
Density sq. mi.	1,920	2,048	2,475
Density increase	183	183	611
Density % increase	9.5%	9.5%	29.8%



**Village of Oxford, Oakland County, Michigan**



**Map 1**  
**Existing Land Use**



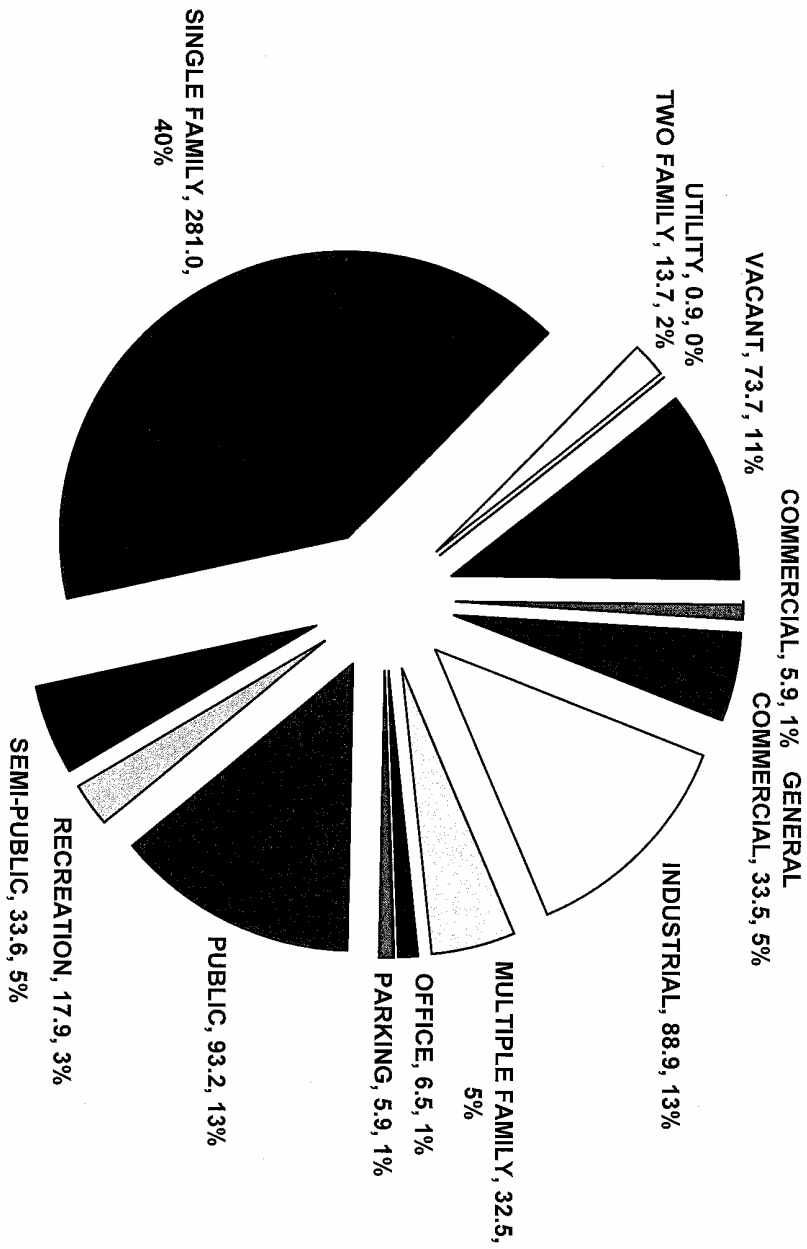
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**Map 3**  
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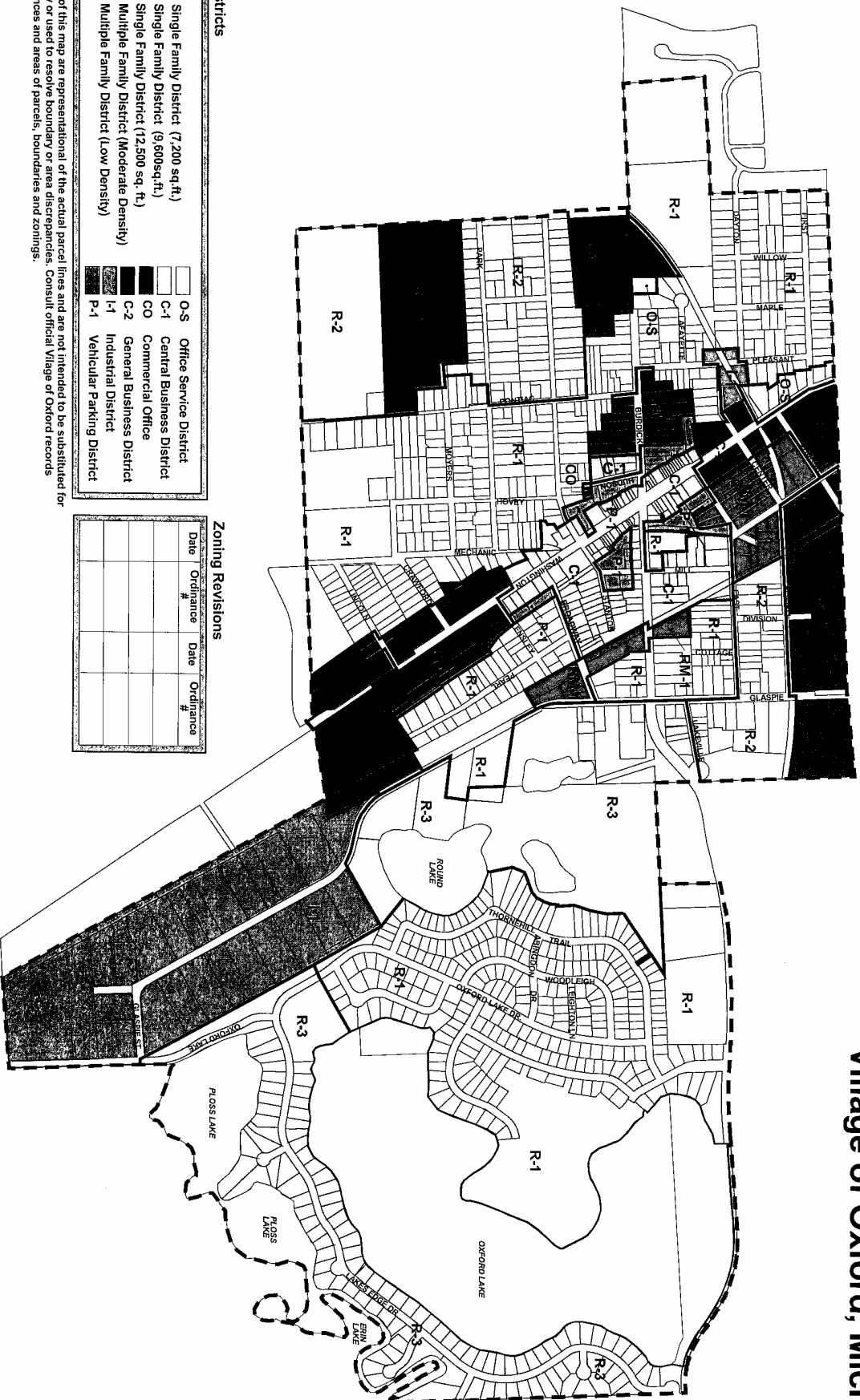


Village of Oxford  
Existing Land Uses  
2005





# Village of Oxford, Michigan



## Zoning Districts

- ☐ R-1 Single Family District (7,200 sq.ft.)
- ☐ R-2 Single Family District (9,600sq.ft.)
- ☐ R-3 Single Family District (12,500 sq. ft.)
- ☐ RM-1 Multiple Family District (Moderate Density)
- ☐ RM-2 Multiple Family District (Low Density)

- ☐ O-S Office Service District
- ☐ C-1 Central Business District
- ☐ CO Commercial Office
- ☐ C-2 General Business District
- ☐ I-1 Industrial District
- ☐ P-1 Vehicular Parking District

## Zoning Revisions

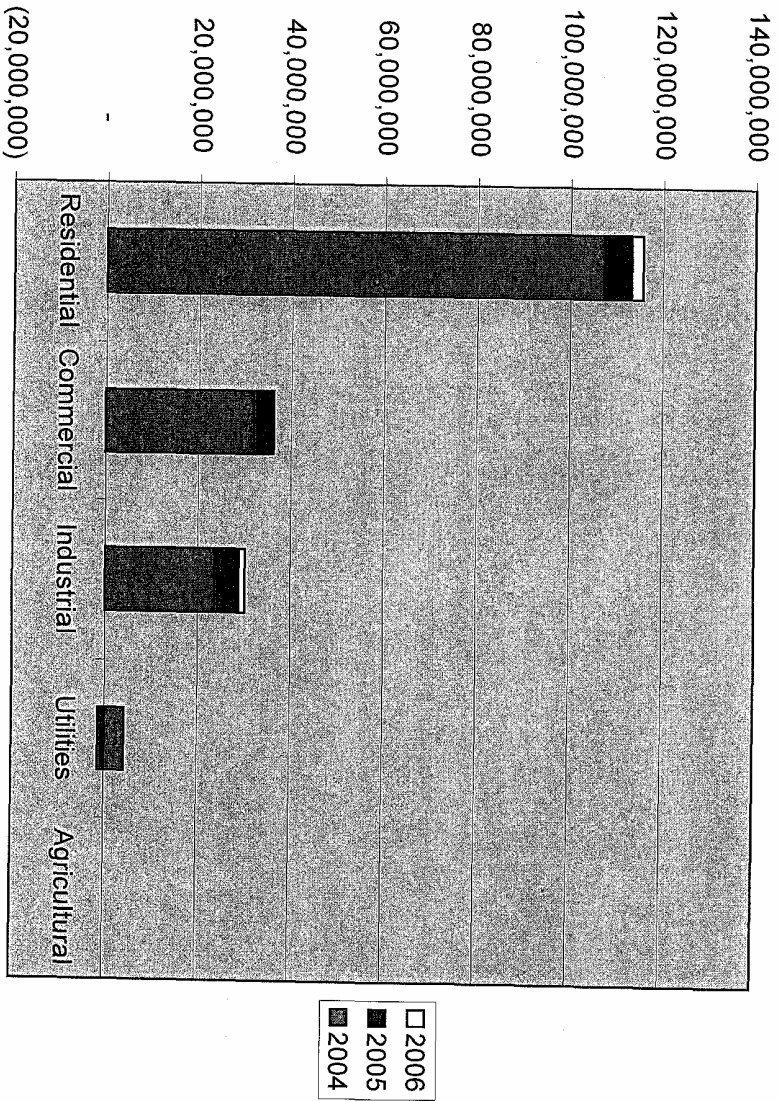
Date	Ordinance #	Date	Ordinance #

The parcel lines of this map are representational of the actual parcel lines and are not intended to be substituted for an official survey or used to resolve boundary or area discrepancies. Consult official Village of Oxford records for precise distances and areas of parcels, boundaries and zonings.

## Zoning Map



# Village of Oxford Total SEV

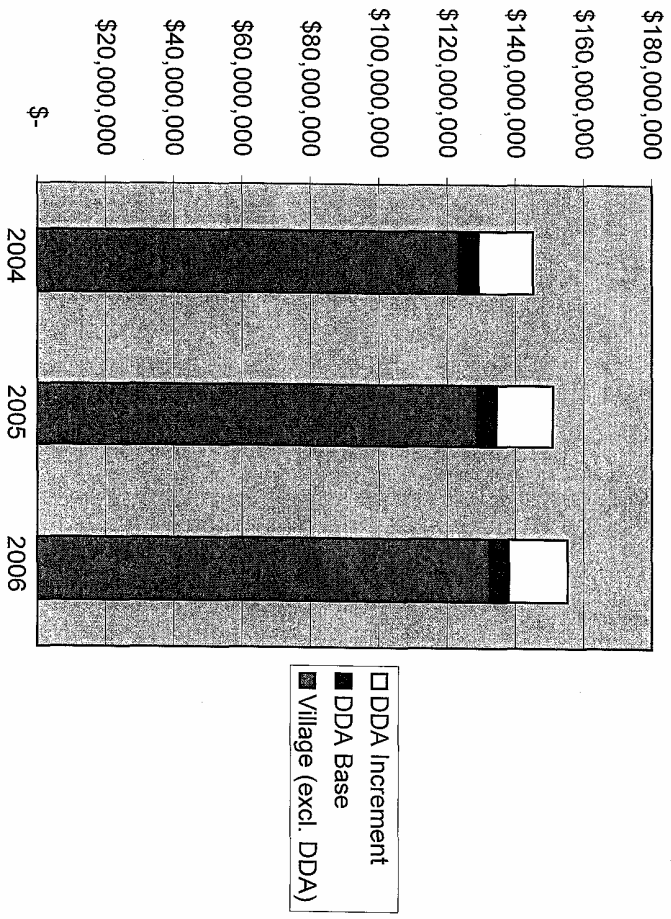






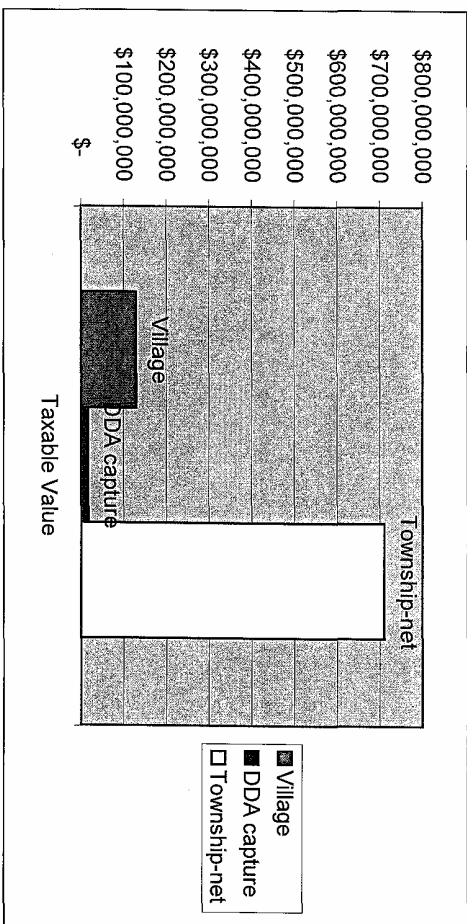


# Village of Oxford Taxable Value



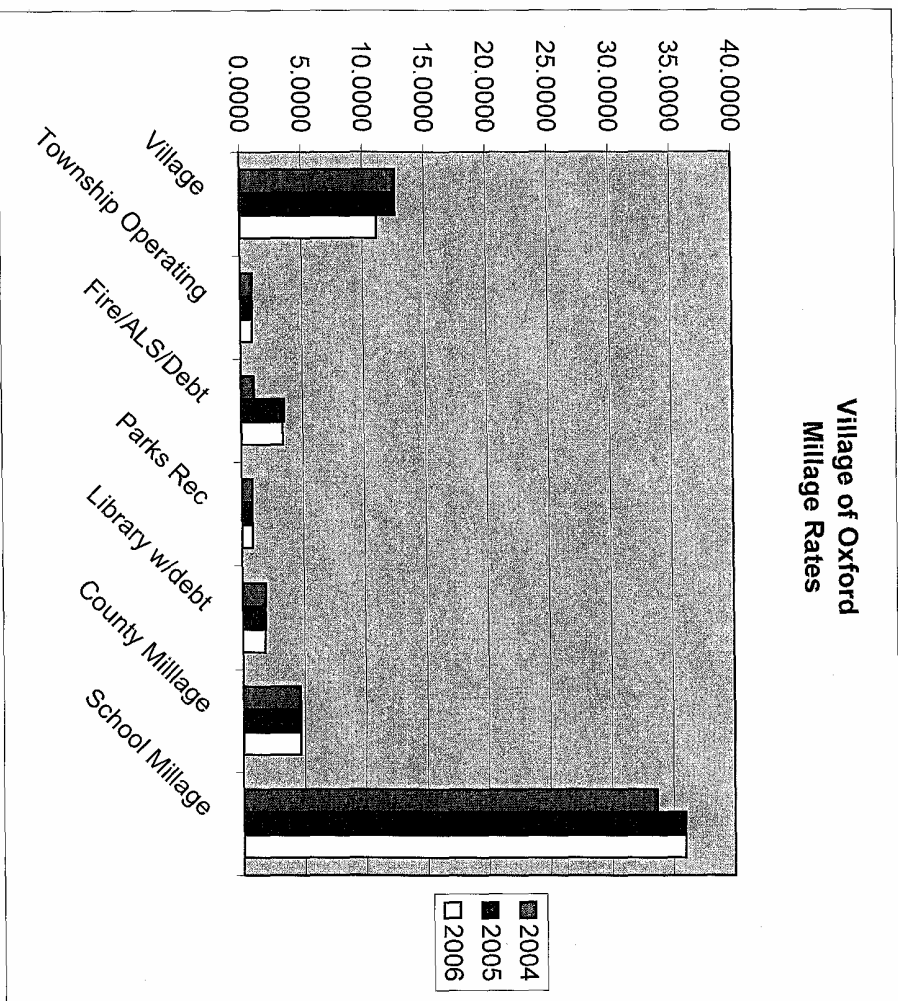


2006			
	Taxable Value	Revenue from	Per cent
Village	\$ 128,838,795	0.95 Mills 122,397	15.1%
DDA capture	16,644,955	15,813	1.9%
Township-net	710,390,549	674,871	83.0%
Total	\$ 855,874,299	\$ 813,081	100.0%





# Village of Oxford Millage Rates





# Sewer Service Area Update

## Oxford

### January 2005



Sewer Service

☐ Currently Served

Served by :

☐ Sewered by :

☐ Water

Note: Current and future sewer communities. In cases where a information, the master plan will sewer areas. In cases where the area that would be served

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Current Sewer Service Areas:  
Using a green marker or pencil your community where sewer s  
Using a lead pencil, shade any show sewer service is available

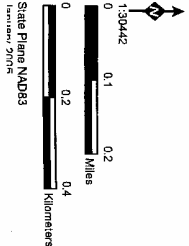
2015 Sewer Service Areas:  
Using a yellow marker or pencil where you anticipate sewer service

2025 Sewer Service Areas:  
Using an orange marker or pencil additional areas where you anticipate sewer service is available sometime after 2015

Sewage Treatment Facilities  
Indicate below the wastewater sewage flows from your community by more than one plant, please areas on the map.

Sewage Treatment Plant \_\_\_\_\_

Sewage Treatment Plant \_\_\_\_\_









Village of Oxford Cityhood Impact

General Fund	Village	Village	Village	Township			Village
	ACTUAL	FY:07	Added		Effect of		with DDA
ACCOUNT NAME	AUDITED	ESTIMATED	CITY/HOOD	DDA	Cityhood	Cityhood	Taxpayer
Tax Millage Rate	2005-06	Year End	Budget Items	Tax Capture	Reductions	Difference	Totals
REVENUES	12.62	11.12	0.19	0.95	0.95	(0.76)	0.95
TAXES	\$ 1,596,690	\$ 1,432,557	\$ 25,200	(16,417)	\$ (125,832)	(100,632)	(142,249)
PENALTIES & INTEREST	8,570	8,749					
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	259,230	257,770					
LICENSES	368	286					
PERMITS	32,426	17,300					
FEES	10,998	9,300					
SALES & SERVICE	205,518	210,300					
INTEREST REVENUE	31,560	40,000					
REIMBURSEMENTS	209,941	312,957					
GRANTS	7,340	10,000					
ADMINISTRATION- school tax collect	4,800	10,000	2,000		(2,500)	(500)	
MISCELLANEOUS	58,555	51,550					
TRANSFER FROM OTHER FUNDS	10,300	10,000					
PREV. YEAR(DEFICIT) SURPLUS		-					
TOTAL REVENUE	2,436,296	2,370,769	27,200	(16,417)	(128,332)	(101,132)	(142,249)
EXPENSES - by Activity							
COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	7,622	6,372					
MANAGER	128,843	104,724					
ELECTION	1,177	0	1,700			1,700	1,700
ATTORNEY FEES	133,565	121,330					
CLERK	216,607	208,251					
TREASURER- school winter tax bills	86,350	47,655	1,500		(1,500)	-	1,500
ASSESSOR			22,000		(27,000)	(5,000)	22,000
BLDG,MAINT. & UTILITY	72,200	71,585					
BEAUTIFICATION	2,565	5,460					
CODE ENFORCE,DEPT.	8,675	7,535					
BLDG,DEPT./INSPECTOR FEES	44,160	35,410					
PLANNING FEES	17,079	20,650					
APPEALS FEES	330	600					
D.P.W.	144,579	148,402					
TREES	1,541	5,041					
DOWNTOWN MAINTENANCE	36,487	46,405					
PARKING LOT MAINTENANCE	32,979	36,790					
LIGHT POLES	49,419	48,900					
ENGINEERING FEES	544	2,500					
RUBBISH CONTRACTS	212,625	218,000					
PARKS	33,976	41,865					
INTER. LOCAL GOVT. CONTRACTS	12,083	13,028					
INSURANCE	59,596	41,500					
DEBT SERVICE	10,600	10,300					
CONTINGENCY	0	-					
PUBLIC RELATIONS	53,241	51,558					
CAPITAL OUTLAY-TRANSFERS	850,742	1,097,009					
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,217,585	2,390,870	25,200	(16,417)	(28,500)	(3,300)	25,200
Net Totals	218,711	(20,101)	2,000		(9,832)	(97,832)	(117,049)



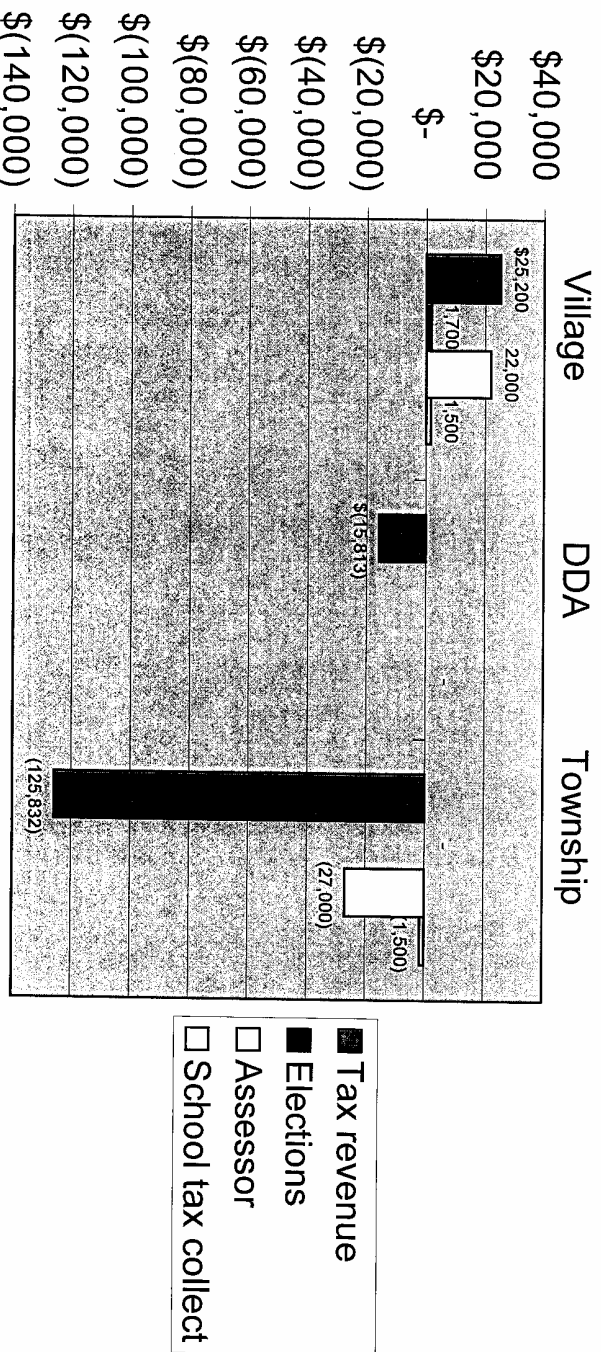
**Cityhood Impact**

	<u>Village</u>	<u>DDA</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Change</u>
Tax Millage Rate	0.19	0.95	0.95	(0.76)

Tax revenue	\$ 25,200	\$ (15,813)	(125,832)	(116,445)
Elections	1,700	-	-	1,700
Assessor	22,000	(27,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)
School tax collect	1,500	-	(1,500)	-
Total Expense	25,200	-	(28,500)	(3,300)

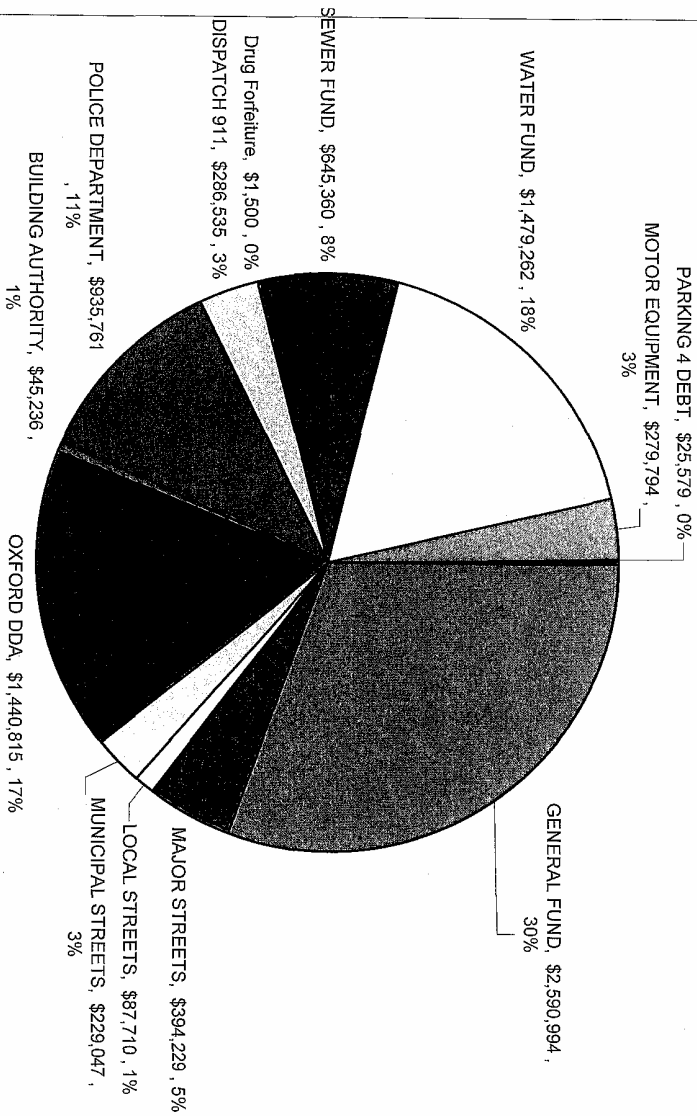
Net \$ - \$(15,813) \$(97,332) \$(113,145)

# **Cityhood Budget Impact Projection**





# **Proposed FY '08 Budget** **\$8,441,822**



- GENERAL FUND
- MAJOR STREETS
- LOCAL STREETS
- MUNICIPAL STREETS
- OXFORD DDA
- BUILDING AUTHORITY
- POLICE DEPARTMENT
- DISPATCH 911
- Drug Forfeiture
- SEWER FUND
- WATER FUND
- MOTOR EQUIPMENT
- PARKING 4 DEBT



## WHY I AM IN FAVOR OF CITYHOOD

1. Simplification of government would be the result. Presently I pay taxes to two government entities: Two local governments, to me, are an inconvenience, expense, and sometimes a waste of time. Not only do I pay for two supervisors, clerks, and treasurer, I also pay for the legal fees for both units of government even when there is a legal issue between the township and village.
2. There will be no loss of services. I will no longer pay township taxes for the very few services that I receive. The city could well take over some of the services provided by the township with little cost. (E.g. voting, property assessment. One would be foolish to maintain that there would never be an increase in taxes should the village become a city. At the same time, the advantages of being a city might well be worth any additional costs.
3. As a city, all local affairs are managed by a government consisting only of elected officials directly responsible to the citizens of the city: this makes the government fully accountable to the citizens. I would lose my present ability to vote on township issues. However, when one considers the population ratios, it is not likely that my vote would carry much influence on township issues.

Merle Smith  
104 Conda Lane  
Oxford Mi 48371



**Holmes, Christine A (DLEG)****RECEIVED**  
**DEPT. OF LABOR & ECONOMIC GROWTH****3****From:** SAllen@plastecheng.com**Sent:** Thursday, May 10, 2007 10:54 AM**To:** boundaryinfo**Subject:** Oxford Cityhood**MAY 10 2007****STATE BOUNDARY COMMISSION**

Dear Boundary Commissioners,

My name is Steve Allen and I am the petitioner for Cityhood for the Village of Oxford. Thank you for conducting the Public Hearing last week at the Oxford Middle School. I am sorry that more people did not take the opportunity to inform themselves regarding this important topic. As a Village Councilperson for 6 years (3 as President), it became abundantly clear to me that Oxford Township had become more hostile and aggressive toward the Village over the last few years. Those disagreements have existed for years, but the aggression had taken on a new, frightening course and something needed to be done about it. A "highlight of these actions are as follows:

- When the Township Supervisor makes public comments saying that "the Village is the tail and the Township is the dog", it foretells a great deal about the current state of affairs and all future relationships.
- When the Township takes money from their General Fund (partially funded by Village taxpayers) to pay for a separate, redundant Police Department, it speaks to the lack of regard, both fiscally and socially, toward Village Residents. This resulted in litigation with a summary judgment requiring them to pay back the fund with non-general fund monies. To my knowledge, they have not done so.
- When the Township terminates the P.A. 51 agreement for Fire Service Operation, forcibly seizes control of the Fire Dept and it's assets, and refuses to buy-out the Village Taxpayers investment, it again speaks to the lack of regard toward Village Residents. This is still tied up in litigation with an arbitrator.

It is for these reasons, along with others, that have convinced many of us that it is time to break away from Oxford Township and stand on our own 2 feet as a City. Please strongly consider these points as you make your determinations regarding this process.

Thank you for your time,

steven j. allen  
40 burdick woods ct.  
oxford, mi. 48371  
248 . 249 . 5287

5/10/2007



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**Holmes, Christine A (DLEG)**

**From:** Merle E Smith [merle19282000@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 11, 2007 5:00 PM  
**To:** Holmes, Christine A (DLEG)  
**Cc:** boundryinfo@michigan.gov  
**Subject:** docket# 06-I-3 Oxford Cityhood

I am a resident of the villoage of Oxford. It was not possible to attend the hearing on May3.

I am in favor of the village becoming a city for the following reasons:

1. The village provides very good services. I do not think the township could provide the level of services that I now receive. The few services that I obtain from the township could be provided by the city.
2. There are two layers of government which I think leads to waste, inefficiency, and inconvenience.
3. City officials would be directly accountable to the citizens.
4. While I might lose the ability to elect townhship officials or serve on various boards, I feel that at the present time, township concerns will always be paramount since village residents are in the minority hence would probably be out voted.
5. While Ms Fitchena says we are one Oxford and Mr. Ferrarin states that we should have one government, I do not see the township as having the ability to provide the qauality of services I now enjoy: e.g. the township's contract with the sheriffs department would greatly diminish the fine police department we now have in the village.
6. My understanding is that city residents would continue to have library useage since village obligations would be assumed by the city.
7. I understand that I would not be able to use some facilities of the township parks and recreation department. To me it would be worth the current five dollar fee for non-residents.

My understanding is that the city would have to assume the expenses of the cemetary, vets hall. and elections. As a senior, I am greatly dismayed at the poor facilities, lack of programs, and condition of the vets hall.. It would be no great loss to me or my wife to become more involved with the Lake Orion Senior Center. We already have election facilities in the village . Cemetary costs, election costs, and assessment costs might result in some tax increase for me. However, the benefits of cityhood might well be worth any additional constns should we become a city.

For the above reasons, I am in favor of the village of Oxford becoming a city even if it entails an increase in my taxes. I am sure that is not a popular view but I want to have good services, and a one level, representative government. ,

Merle

God Bless You

5/11/2007



**Holmes, Christine A (DLEG)**

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**From:** debra mcmullen [dsm25@sbcglobal.net]

**Sent:** Friday, May 11, 2007 10:16 AM

**To:** boundaryinfo

**Subject:** city hood

As a resident of the village of oxford...I am totally against the village becoming a city. Two years ago a petition was signed by the required number of residents to stop using tax payers money to fund the "study of cityhood" until it was voted on again by the residents of village of oxford. The village through this petition out. Several years ago, village oxford residents voted against the village becoming a city..But for some reason, the village council is still pursuing this issue.

Sincerely, Debra McMullen

5/11/2007



To: State Boundary Commission

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Re: Docket #06-1-3

Michigan Dept. of Labor & Economic Growth

611 West Ottawa Street

P.O. Box 30004

Lansing, MI. 48909

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DEPT. OF LABOR & ECONOMIC GROWTH

MAY 29 2007

STATE BOUNDARY COMMISSION

Dear Sirs:

I'm writing to make comment on the proposed Incorporation (Cityhood) for Oxford Village. I've been a resident of Oxford Village for 22 years. I've seen the Village and Township governments grow apart. The Township no longer cares about the Village or her citizens problems and concerns.

We should be governed by those who represent us. Taxation without representation is wrong.

Please I beg you approve the proposed Incorporation (Cityhood) for Oxford Village. Give us, the residents the chance to choose what kind of government we want.

Kathryn Hall

Kathryn Hall  
70 Melvin J. Ct, Oxford, MI 48371



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Ms. Christine A. Holmes, Manager  
State Boundary Commission  
611 W. Ottawa, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Lansing, Michigan 48933

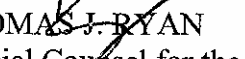
Re: Docket #06-I-3  
Proposed Incorporation of the  
Village of Oxford into a Home  
Rule City/Oakland County

Dear Ms. Holmes:

Pursuant to the State Boundary Commission's 30-Day Public Comment Period following the Public Hearing of May 3, 2007, enclosed please find Petitioner and Village of Oxford's Supplemental Filing.

Thank you for your courtesy in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

  
THOMAS J. RYAN  
Special Counsel for the  
Village of Oxford

TJR:slp  
Enclosure

cc: Joe Young, Village Manager  
Steve Allen, Petitioner



**VILLAGE OF OXFORD AND PETITIONER'S  
SUPPLEMENTAL FILING SUBMITTED TO  
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Village of Oxford  
State Boundary Commission  
Information on Criteria  
Prepared by K. Joseph Young, Village Manager

May 31, 2007

I. Population

The Village of Oxford population growth was 6.7% (183) from 1980 to 1990 and 20.9 (611) % from 1990 to 2000. Since 1980 the population increase was 794 for a 28.9% increase to 2000 for a total of 3,540.

Continued future population growth is expected based on a number of housing developments that are on-going.

The Oxford Lakes Subdivision which since the year 2000 the annual average of ten new housing starts with over 60 vacant lots to yet to be built on for this 455 lot development. Three other housing developments have been approved in the past two years which has a total of 70 housing units planned. Village Ridge, a 15 unit five building townhouse complex, has one building completed with construction started on a second building.

Melvin J Estates, a 12 unit single family development, has four houses constructed as of this date.

Lake Shore Village, a planned unit development, was recently approved that includes 35 units in 11 buildings.

In addition in-fill housing in the past two years has added an additional 4 units.

Also an 8 unit apartment building was constructed within the past two years and another building is being planned.

In addition, based on the Downtown Vision Plan of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), Village zoning ordinance was amended to allow for up to five story buildings in the downtown central business district with the provision that residential units would be provided from the third story on up to the fifth story. This mixed used zoning and vision will contribute to the population growth over the next several years. In addition the Village Council recently adopted a zoning map that rezoned 10 acres from industrial to multiple family (along the Polly Ann Trail off North Glaspie Street) that is expected to add to the population over the next several years as well.

II. Population Density and Land Area

The land area of 1.43 square miles, or 918 acres for the Village has not changed over the past thirty years, when Oxford Lakes was annexed to the Village of Oxford. The petition calls for no change to the existing Village boundaries.

The population density per square mile has also increased by 6.7% (128) from 1980 to 1990 and 20.9% (427) from 1990 to 2000 for a density total of 2,475 per square mile with the land area did not changing during that time. The per acre density went from 3.0 in 1980 to 3.2 in 1990 and to 3.9 in 2000, a 29% increase in density since 1980 to 2000.



### III. Land Use

The Master Plan of the Village was adopted in 2005 which was provided to the Boundary Commission after a several month process by the Planning Commission and Village Council. The future land use plan calls for expansion of the downtown central business district and expansion of residential property. Most of these plans were recently rezoning by the Village Council as shown on the new zoning map.

A use breakdown of the acreage in the Village under the new zoning map, shows that 61%, 327 acres or , of the residential area is used as such, again supporting the continued population growth over the next several years with housing developments approved at this time and several others expected over the next few years.

The commercial use of such zoned property is at 66%, 46 acres, is concentrated along M24 and Burdick Streets in the central core of the Village. Expanded high density commercial use was recently approved that will continue the growth of the business and residential area with mixed use development and attraction of population to relocate here in Oxford over the next several years.

The industrial use is at 127%, 89 acres, includes our industrial park in the east of the Village with one small pocket in the north west. The Village recently rezoned two areas to residential as part of the updated zoning map.

### IV. State Equalized Value

The Real Property portion of the Village's 2006 SEV has grown to \$166,584,710, which is almost \$20,000,000 (13.6%) increase in real property value from two years ago in 2004 when the real property SEV was \$146,698,360.

In addition the Village has had a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) with a base year 1985 taxable value of \$5,551,175 that in 2006 totals \$22,792,580. The increment growth in the taxable value for the past three years is shown on the attached graph along with the total Taxable Value (TV) for the Village.

### V. Allocated and Voted Millage Rates

The Village has one millage rate for general operating purposes that is currently at 11.12 mills. There are no other Village only millages for any purpose including debt. The Village is levied millages as part of the Township for operating general, Fire, ALS, library, parks and recreation services and debt millages for fire and library. A comparison of the millages including county and total school (non-homestead) are shown on the attached chart. Note the Village tax millage rate was decreased this past year in part due to a shift of the fire services to the Township, which previously



was under an intergovernmental agreement that evolved since several years ago when the Village had its own fire department.

VI. Topography/Natural Boundaries/Drainage Basins

There are no unusual or restrictive topographic features that could inhibit the use or development of the Village.

VII. Boundary History

A. There have been not annexations to the Village since Oxford Lakes Estates which several years ago.

B. Oxford Lakes Estates receives all city services, however no street lighting is provided.

C. Joint Policies or agreements with adjacent units of government include:

Only with Oxford Township:

Dispatch services by the Village – 5 year agreement through 2009 at approximately \$55,000 annually.

Sewer and water service agreement of 3% and ability to takeover.

With Oxford Township and other governmental units:

Polly Ann Trail Management Council (PATMC)- Townships of Oxford, Orion, and the Village of Leonard with a lease through MDNR.

North Oakland Transportation Authority (NOTA) Townships of Oxford, Orion, and the Village of Leonard.

Oxford Addison Youth Assistance with Townships of Oxford, Addison and the Village of Leonard.

VIII. Past and Probable Future Growth & Development

The Village of Oxford has seen much growth and development over the past several years which major developments occurring in the past three years.

40 single family home permits were issued in since 2004, and two multiple housing units and three major commercial buildings.

As noted above, there are several housing developments at various stages that will continue to add new units over the next several years.

In addition to two commercial buildings nearing completion this year, other new commercial developments are being pursued particularly with the expanding C-1 zoning to the east of M24 in the central business district.

This past year the DDA completed a Downtown Vision Plan (which was included in the information sent with the questionnaire), that details possible development options over the next several years. Included in this vision study were parking structures to go along with raising the height limit up to five stories in the downtown, with mixed used including residential units on the upper floors. The



height recommendation was adopted by the Village Council this past year. We expect to see new developments at the up to five story height.

IX. Need for additional public services

At this time no additional services are considered necessary. The Village has its own local police department and dispatch center, full public works service staff for street, water and sewer maintenance as well as parks and buildings. We have sidewalks or pathways on most all streets and only one gravel alley which is being planned to be paved this year.

X. Probable Effects of Proposed Incorporation on the cost and adequacy of services.

A. How will the change affect the unit of government?

Assessing, elections and collection of school taxes would be transferred from the Township to the Village. No additional services are expected to be necessary as we have full-time police and public works services.

B. What additional cost will the affected area incur, and how adequate will those services be?

The assessing services are estimated at \$25,000 based on either hiring a part-time assessor or continuing to have Oakland County provide the service.

Prior to 2005, when the recent election consolidation statute went into effect, the Village conducted its elections at a cost of under \$2,000. The Village had its own prom packs and used the Township voting machines.

The billing and collection of school taxes added costs are estimated at under \$500 since the Village tax bill goes out at the same time on one bill in July. Collection is expected to be handled by existing staff at no additional costs. Transferring the collected funds to the school twice a month and tax settlement with the County are minimal costs as well. If a winter tax bill is required for School debt or other millages, the cost to print and mail the bills is estimated at \$1,200.

C. What will the financial effect on the remaining area from which the incorporated areas is removed?

Oxford Township would have a reduction of the general property taxes on the 0.95 mills they levy which is estimated at \$125,000. Offsetting this in part, is a reduction in assessor expenses of approximately \$25,000.

The costs of elections they conduct for the Village are paid by the Village, therefore no net change would result.

The billing and collection of school taxes would reduce the work load of the Township at minimal cost impact.

The net financial effect on the Township would be approximately \$100,000 (tax revenue)

D. What will be the financial effect on the incorporated area?

The village tax payers would have a reduction of taxes paid to the township of approximately \$125,000 annually.



The costs from the transfer of assessing, elections and collection of school taxes could be absorbed by the Village within their existing tax levy limit or a possible option is to increase the tax millage by approximately 0.20 mills to generate the estimated \$25,000 to \$30,000 or costs for assessing, elections and collection of school taxes. The millage rate is at 11.12 currently down 1.5 mills from last year when the rate as 12.62.

## XI. Public Services

### A. Public Water

The Village of Oxford operates its own water system that provides water to all areas in the Village and a few properties north and south in the Township. The water is filtered, softened, and is pressured by the 500,000 gallon above ground storage tank. There are 1,295 customers with only 2 houses on their own well system.

The capacity of the existing plant is 1.25 million gallons per day. We have two well in service with a third well expected to be in service later this year. The average present useage is at approximately 75%.

An upgrade to the existing plant is being looked into at this time which would significantly increase our capacity should there be a need.

We are in compliance with all MDEQ and other environmental requirements and have on-going testing as required.

### B. Sanitary Sewer

Sanitary service is provided for all areas of the Village through Oakland County Drain Commission and the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. According to information provided by the Oakland County Drain Commission, the purchase capacity of 3.2 cubic feet per second has an average useage that is at 22% of capacity.

### C. Fire Protection

As of January 2006 the Township of Oxford took over the Fire department as a result of a dissolution of a longstanding intergovernmental agreements with the Village who had its own fire department at the time. Although the fire and now ALS services are provided by the Township as separate voted millages, the final dissolution is pending with an arbitrator ordered by a judge.

The fire and ALS services are funded by voted millages on a township wide basis, including the Village approved in 2005.

The main fire station is in the Village limits.

### D. Police Protection

A full-time police department and dispatch center is funded from the general operating millage and revenues of the Village.

911 dispatch service calls are provided to Oxford Township (for fire dispatch and forwarding to Oakland County sheriff) based on a four year agreement which expires in at the end of 2008 at approximately \$55,000.







**Village of Oxford**  
**State of the Village 2007**  
**George Del Vigna, President Village Council**

I am pleased and proud to present to you today, an annual State of the Village report representing the Village Council as President.

During these tough economic times for Michigan and Oakland County, we are fortunate in Oxford to be blessed with a diverse economic base that helps minimize the transition that the automotive industry is going through.

Oxford Township, of which the Village is also a part of, is the fastest growing area in Oakland County and is projected to double the population by the year 2030. The quality of life here in the NE corner of Oakland County, with automation alley and new technology it has added business diversity for a sounder economic base. As a result the Village and other taxing units (Township and County) can provide the level of service for a safe and attractive community to live, work and play in and keep tax rates down. As an example of this tax rate reduction, the Village Council reduced last year's tax rate by 1.5 mills, a 12% reduction.

**The Village of Oxford Quality of Life**

A major attraction to the Village of Oxford is the blend of county living and a historic downtown district with upscale amenities all within minutes of the metro area. The character of the Village of Oxford with the residents, schools, and business community caring and striving for a better place to raise their family and have successful jobs and businesses shines through every day. The personal attention by merchants and professionals along with the friendly hometown warmth of the people make living here a very special joy. The volunteers who serve on the various boards and commissions, from the Beautification Committee, Downtown Development Authority board and their four committees, Planning Commission to the Zoning Board of Appeals, have contributed much to working together with the Village Council to help improve the quality of life here in the Village of Oxford. To further working together we are scheduled to have quarterly meetings with the Planning Commission, DDA and Village Council, to help keep good communication and input as the Village moves forward. On behalf of the Village Council I want to thank all of you who volunteer your



time to serve on the various boards, committees and events throughout the year.

### **Public Safety - Police and Fire Services**

The Village Police Department, staff at 30 officers and dispatchers including police reserves, have continued to improve the safety here in the Village as the crime rate is down again from a year ago. Police Chief Neymanowski is pleased, as we all are, to see the low crime rate get even lower.

On the traffic safety front we have a 35% reduction in traffic accidents (76) in 2006 from the prior year (116). A factor that helped reduce the accident rate include the issuance of 126 more tickets this year than last year, a 3% increase. Police vigilance on our roads and in our neighborhoods is paying off in safety dividends. This included speeding tickets, drunk driving arrests, and increased commercial truck enforcement on M-24 which helps with making it safer for pedestrians crossing at the traffic signal on M-24.

The access management plan for the M-24 corridor from I-75 to Davison Lake is in the final draft plan stages with a public hearing to be scheduled soon. The plan, sponsored by MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation), is being developed by a steering committee with representatives from the various governments along the M-24 corridor, including Auburn Hills, the townships of Orion and Oxford and the Villages of Lake Orion and Oxford as well as the Road Commission for Oakland County and MDOT. The plan addresses short and long range opportunities to reduce traffic congestion, reduce traffic crashes, improve ingress and egress to businesses with a variety of possible action plans. Traffic signal timing improvements are scheduled for next year to improve the flow of traffic. Crossover changes, sharing driveways, creating shared access behind businesses, creating new alleyway streets and other traffic signal improvements are included. The total estimated cost of improvements is in excess of \$10 million which could take place over the next several years. Input from the Village on this study included adding traffic signals for safer pedestrian crossings of M-24. We are working with MDOT to achieve the goal of improving the pedestrian safety of the downtown area.

In December, the Fire Department was certified by the State for ALS (advanced life support) services including transporting to the area hospitals. In addition a full time fire department with added staff is now in place also. These upgraded staffing and services will significantly improve emergency response time and receiving critical health care services. Our Village dispatch center staff also received upgraded training that will assist in these



emergencies.

### **Housing Base and Growth**

On the residential front, in addition to the sound existing housing stock, the Village of Oxford has four major development areas in various stages that will allow for continued significant new housing growth with over 100 vacant lots. The Oxford Lakes Estates has about 60 vacant lots available with homes started each year to build on the existing 455 homesites there today. A new subdivision, Melvin J. Estates, started last year, has 12 single family home sites on a new street, of which four are constructed at this time. The second phase of the Conda Lane "Village Ridge" condominium townhouse development, on a new street (Jordyn Way), has one three unit building completed, with four other buildings to be built providing fifteen more units. A new PUD (planned unit development), Lake Shore Village, will provide 35 townhouse condominium units in ten buildings, along the Polly Ann Trail, and an additional 48 housing units in the Township. We are excited about having this amount of housing growth sites available for the next several years. It is exciting to see this development take place when you consider that the Village being small, just over one square mile, and mature as it was incorporated over 130 years ago and still has much housing growth potential for the next several years.

### **Business Growth**

The attraction to the Village of Oxford is evidenced by the business investment in buildings that have occurred this past year. We have two new high end beautiful commercial buildings under construction in the downtown area along M-24. They will supplement and enhance the character and desirability of doing business and living here in the Village of Oxford. The total of 34,000 square feet of first and second floor space in these two buildings will have a major impact on the vitality and visibility of the downtown. We are hoping that the former hotel site "The Oakland" which would add a three story, 21,000 square foot building to be developed soon. The DDA (Downtown Development Authority) and Village Council working together will continue to achieve many more business successes over the next few years as business opportunities present themselves. A recent example of new opportunities includes the former James Lumber site includes over 3 ½ acres. We are looking forward to new activity for the Village and its residents at this site. The development of the east alley south from Oxford Bank towards the Market Place Plaza is also expected to be a catalyst for new business development and vitality with a new commercial



retail office district. The expansion of the central business district zoning to the east of M-24, which would include the former James Lumber site and several other parcels would be enhanced by a potential of a "second" main street east off of M-24 along the gravel east alley tying into Mill Street.

### **Tourist and Convention Type Visitors**

This past year the Village of Oxford businesses have drawn the attention of state wide area groups to visit the downtown restaurants and businesses. Various groups from seniors to trade organizations have visited and scheduled tour visits to our downtown. From June 21-23 we are expecting up to 1,000 visitors as part of an event being brought about by the Michigan Stash Dash organization through Aunt Nan's Fabric Shop. We look forward to more groups touring our downtown village with its historic character, charm and specialty shops and fine restaurants.

### **Transportation Service Expansion**

A pilot bus shuttle service, through NOTA (North Oakland Transportation Authority, which includes Addison, Orion and Oxford Townships), is expected to be pursued with the DDA involvement for a route starting north at Meijers and going south to the Kmart in Lake Orion. Possible Thursday through Saturday service is being discussed. The Shuttle service could alleviate some of the parking congestion in the downtown as well.

### **Parking lot improvements**

The DDA is addressing parking improvements of layout expansion for the downtown quadrants that would increase the number of spaces and better manage the use by having a few spaces in each area marked for limited time parking. Lighting improvements with a local company, Relume, are being pursued that will provide brighter lighting and at a lesser energy cost. The improvements and employees/owners parking to the back of the lot, will allow for more customer parking closer to the businesses. The Village's victory in the Supreme Court opening back up the northeast quadrant is important to this effort.

### **Recreational Opportunities and Events**

#### **BMX +**

A prospect of having a new major recreational activity in the Village at the recently purchased building at 98 Glaspie Street, adjacent to Scripser Park, is being reviewed by a national BMX bike organization which could include



skateboarding and other recreational activities. An indoor soccer and roller hockey organization is seeking to locate in the area as well.

### **Trail Events**

The newly resurfaced Polly Ann Trail, 12+ miles and pedestrian bridge of natural hiking, biking and walking area including equestrian use will have the first full year of use. A ground breaking ceremony is being planned for April. A major bike event is scheduled July 28, the Ride the Rural Pearl event is to include a 48 mile route with the Villages of Oxford and Lake Orion joining in the sponsorship.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hot Blues & BBQ Festival**

The Detroit Blues Society sponsored Hot Blues & BBQ festival is scheduled for the third year from June 23-25. Last year the three day event brought in 7,000 people. We are expecting over 10,000 visitors for this year. The event is better each year, bringing to our Village both national acts and visitors from all around the state. Special music event is planned for Friday night at Centennial Park with the blues music competition on Saturday, and a Sunday program at Scripser Park.

### **Celebrate Oxford**

The seventh annual Celebrate Oxford Festival is scheduled for the first weekend in August with a possible car cruise music event August 3 and the Festival August 4. This one day event brings in many visitors to enjoy the entertainment, kids' central, car show, art & crafts, business expo, and antique venues, and of course the taste fest from our fine local restaurants.

### **Concerts in the Park**

The popular Thursday night Concert-in-the-Park series, which has various musical groups from June through August starting at 7 p.m. in Centennial Park will continue for a sixth year.

### **Chamber of Commerce Events**

The Oxford Area Chamber of Commerce has several events during the year from the Soup Stroll in February, Women's Expo, Christmas Parade, and other activities.

### **Financial Stability**

The Village is managing the taxpayers funds to provide the highest level of services while maintaining healthy fund balance reserves and keeping tax



rates down. Our recent audit report for fiscal year 2006 showed a General Fund unreserved fund balance of over \$940,000 which represents 33% of our annual operating expenses; the water fund working capital was over \$930,000 which represents 133% of annual operating expenses; and the sewer fund working capital was over \$1,330,000 which represents 234% of annual operating expenses. In the future infrastructure needs of the Village with road improvements, such as was recently completed for Glaspie and Pontiac Streets, and water plant and sewer system replacement and improvements, are being addressed will continue to be addressed to maintain the high standards for the Village.

Continuing administrative procedure upgrades, including those recommended by our auditors will further strengthen our fiscal responsibility.

### **Village Services Priorities**

The police and public works (streets) services are top quality and continuing to strive for improvements to keep the village safe, clean and attractive. Due to consistent police diligence, our safety statistics show a drop in the number of accidents. These along with health, safety and environmental concerns are top priorities. The Village Council began our annual budgeting process early this year to address the services and infrastructure needs including street, water, and sewer systems. A new (third) water well is scheduled to be put online later this year that will provide an emergency backup and for future growth demands. The possibility of a new water treatment plant that would replace a plant that is over thirty years old is being considered which will maintain the high quality water and water pressure we enjoy here in the Village. The Village well water is filtered and softened and it is said to provide one of the highest quality and best tasting water in Michigan.

### **Intra and intergovernmental Cooperation**

We will continue to strive to improve our working relationships with other governmental units, from the County and Townships. Serving the best interests of the residents is the first priority by participating jointly working together with the various levels of government as we progress forward.

### **Education**

The Oxford School District, covering over 90 square miles, with over 4,300 students, has a high quality of education, facilities and fiscal management. The recently opened high school is the largest one-story high school in the



nation. We have much to be proud of from the education programs and staff provided to our children, with the future of community in very good hands.

### **City hood**

The electorate of the Village, you the voters, will have the opportunity to learn about the impact of becoming a city. There are many issues to understand about this opportunity, including taxation, services, and property matters. On January 18 the State Boundary Commission accepted and approved the cityhood petition and set a public hearing for May 3. A vote on the matter, after the hearing and final determination by the Boundary Commission, is expected several months from now. Our Village citizens are now provided the opportunity to vote on their government structure and whether our tax dollars stay in the Village.

### **Summary**

The State of the Village is good, very good, as we enter the year 2007, with the prospect of continued improvement over next several years, with increased housing units and commercial development and continued infrastructure upgrades. We are pleased to continue to improve the delivery of services in a cost effective way and reduce taxes. We are always looking for ways to be more efficient and financially responsible striving to reduce taxes as we did this past year.

Again, thank you to the volunteers who serve the Village and invite each of you be involved.

The "secret" is getting out, that the Village of Oxford is a desirable place to live, work, and play. I look forward to being part of the continuing success working together with everyone to make the Village better every day!

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today about all the good things happening in Oxford.

I would be happy to answer any questions and listen to any comments or concerns you have.







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June 4, 2007

State Boundary Commission  
611 W. Ottawa, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Re: Docket #06-I-3 Proposed Incorporation  
of the Village of Oxford into a Home  
Rule City/Oakland County

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the Boundary Commission Public Hearing on May 3, 2007, many comments were made relative to the possible additional costs to the new City of Oxford.

It was and is the Village's position that the current millage levied for general operating purposes by the Township of Oxford of .95 mills will not be exceeded and with all probability will be lessened to the new city residents by the Village becoming a Home Rule City.

Exhibit D shows the Ballot language adopted on May 3, 2005, 1.5 mills for fire operation/EMS service, .10 mill for ALS service, which will continue until December 31, 2009, in each instance. Thus, the city residents would continue this obligation and have the opportunity to vote to continue a millage in cooperation with the Township or not, after the 2009 expiration.

Further, Exhibit E shows the 2006 Tax Rate Request by the Township of Oxford indicating voted library millage of 0.6764 and 0.7218. There is also a library debt payment owed of 0.4100 expiring May, 2016. Further, this Exhibit shows Parks and Recreation Ballot of February 22, 2000, for a millage rate currently in the amount of 0.8538, which expires on December 31, 2009, and a fire debt from November of 2000 currently in the amount of 0.8800 mills expiring on December 31, 2014. These debts were all voted on by the citizens of the Township, which included the citizens of the Village. As these are current obligations of the Village/Township residents, they would not be a new expense incurred by the new city incorporation.

By looking at the Township's Audit filed with the State of Michigan, last one filed in 2005, the issues brought up at Public Hearing consisting of (1) the take over by the new city of state and national elections, (2) assessing of property within the new city currently provided by the Township, and (3) the collection of school taxes by the city, the following can be discerned:

EXHIBIT C



- (1) As the city already provides its own local election, there will be nominal increase in costs providing the state and national election every other year.
- (2) Regarding the assessing component, as the new city will be a much smaller area with less properties involved and the data is currently based in Oakland County, which does the assessing for the Township of Oxford, a good faith estimate for such service does not exceed \$30,000 and this is well verified and not speculative.
- (3) The costs in collecting school taxes will involve some paper, time and postage, which is a nominal incremental cost increase.

The issue as to Township's cemetery was brought up at the Public Hearing and it is true that of the three Township cemeteries currently in the Charter Township of Oxford, one would be in the new city and would be the responsibility of the new city.


The Statement of Revenue Funds filed in the Financial Audit for 2005 show at Exhibit F that there is currently a balance in the Cemetery Maintenance Fund of \$47,203. This fund is a fiduciary fund set up for the perpetual care of a cemetery. Based upon the asset and liability distribution by state statute, a prorated share of that perpetual maintenance fund would flow to the new city based upon the obligation for the cemetery.

In Exhibit G, again from the Financial Audit for 2005, the Budget of the Township indicates total expenses for 2006 for the three cemeteries of \$49,103. The Budget for 2007 shows expenses of \$41,000 for the three cemeteries. Thus, even assuming half of these expenses would be for the one cemetery taken over by the city at \$20,000, plus \$30,000 Assessing Contract with the County of Oakland, and incremental costs of a several thousand dollars for taxes and elections, the sum of \$55,000 of additional expense to the new city, is \$70,000 less than the current \$125,000 provided by the .95 mills collected in the village only for the Township operating millage.

Lastly, as seen in the Editorial of the Detroit Free Press on Sunday, June 3, 2007, attached Exhibit H, it is possible in the future that townships will not be providing assessing, election or tax collection duties themselves.

In the final analysis, the Village of Oxford, except for several minor services, is in fact a fully emancipated municipality in its own right. The Village and the new City can continue to cooperate with its neighboring Township or Townships for their mutual benefit and advantage. The fact remains that the new City will not be adversely impacted economically by becoming its own stand alone entity.

Respectfully submitted,

  
THOMAS J. RYAN  
Special Counsel  
TJR:slp









OFFICIAL BALLOT  
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2005  
OXFORD CHARTER TOWNSHIP, PRECINCT 01  
OXFORD AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

1401

TO VOTE: Complete the arrow(s)  pointing to your choice(s)  
with a single bold line like this. 

IMPORTANT: Use only the marking pen or #2 pencil provided.  
DO NOT USE RED INK!

Do not vote for more candidates than indicated under the office title.

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES: To vote for a candidate whose name is not printed on the ballot, write or place the name of that person in the blank space provided and complete the arrow. Do not cast a write-in vote for a person whose name is already printed on the ballot for that office.

COMPLETION: When you have completed voting, place the ballot in the secrecy sleeve so that votes cannot be seen and the numbered stub is visible. Return the ballot to the election official stationed at the tabulator (if voting by absentee ballot follow the instructions provided by the clerk for returning the ballot).

NOTE: If you make a mistake, return your ballot to the Election Official and obtain a replacement ballot. Do not attempt to erase any marks made in error.

PROPOSAL SECTION

NEW ADDITIONAL MILLAGE  
FOR ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT  
SERVICES

Shall the total tax rate limitation on general ad valorem taxes as provided by law within the Charter Township of Oxford, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased by 1.0 mills (1.0 mills being equal to \$1.00 per \$1,000 of state taxable value) for a period of five (5) years beginning with the December 2005 tax levy through the December 2009 tax levy to be disbursed to the Township for the purpose of providing operating funds for Advanced Life Support (ALS) services for the Charter Township of Oxford, Michigan? The estimated millage to be levied in 2005 is .17 mills (\$0.17 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is .17 mills (\$0.17 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

YES 1239

NO 1444

BOND PROPOSAL - FIRE  
VEHICLE

Shall the Charter Township of Oxford, County of Oakland, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed \$375,000.00 and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, payable in not to exceed five (5) years from date of issuance, for the purpose of paying all or part of the costs of acquiring a pumper fire vehicle? The estimated millage to be levied in 2005 is .10 mills (\$0.10 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is .11 mills (\$0.11 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

YES 1625

NO 1652

PROPOSAL SECTION

BOND PROPOSAL - FIRE  
STATION ADDITION

Shall the Ballot Proposal for "New Additional Millage for Advanced Life Support Services" passed at the election on May 3, 2005, shall the Charter Township of Oxford, County of Oakland, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed \$695,000.00 and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, payable in not to exceed five (5) years from date of issuance, for the purpose of paying all or part of the costs of constructing an addition to the main fire station located at 96 North Washington Street, Oxford, Michigan? The estimated millage to be levied in 2005 is .17 mills (\$0.17 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is .17 mills (\$0.17 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

YES 1238

NO 2038

OXFORD AREA COMMUNITY  
SCHOOLS  
OPERATING MILLAGE  
PROPOSAL EXEMPTING  
PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AND  
QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL  
PROPERTY

This proposal will enable the school district to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property except principal residence and qualified agricultural property required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property exempting therefrom principal residence and qualified agricultural property as defined by law, in Oxford Area Community Schools, Oakland and Lapeer Counties, Michigan, be increased by 2.3549 mills (\$2.3549 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of 2 years, 2005 and 2006, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2005 is approximately \$645,779 (this millage is to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963).

YES 2020

OXFORD AREA COMMUNITY  
SCHOOLS  
MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF  
EDUCATION  
OFFICE AND HOME ADDRESS

LEE BARCLAY

ANTHONY DAVID GIAMOLA

PAMELA PHELPS

PROPOSAL SECTION

OXFORD TOWNSHIP

NEW ADDITIONAL MILLAGE  
FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
SERVICES

Shall the total tax rate limitation on general ad valorem taxes as provided by law within the Charter Township of Oxford, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased by 1.5 mills (1.5 mills being equal to \$1.50 per \$1,000 of state taxable value) for a period of five (5) years beginning with the December 2005 tax levy through the December 2009 tax levy to be disbursed to the Township for the purpose of providing operating funds for fire protection and emergency medical services for the Charter Township of Oxford, Michigan? The estimated millage to be levied in 2005 is 1.1765 mills and 1.23 mills respectively, and shall the Township levy an amount not to exceed such increase in millage for such purpose during the period, which will raise in the first year if levied an estimated revenue of One Million One Hundred Thousand Four Hundred and 25/100 Dollars (\$1,100,400.25)?

YES 1878

NO 1402







2006 TAX RATE REQUEST (This form must be completed and submitted on or before September 30, 2006)

MILLAGE REQUEST REPORT TO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

County	OAKLAND
Local Government Unit	TOWNSHIP OF OXFORD
2004 Taxable Value of ALL Properties in the Unit as of 6-28-04 856,300,840	
For LOCAL School Districts: 2005 Taxable Value of Non-Homestead and Non-Qualified Agricultural Properties if a millage is levied Against Them.	

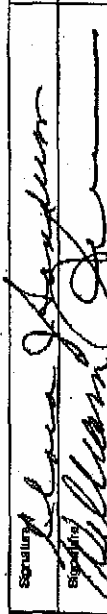
PLEASE READ THE  
INSTRUCTIONS ON  
THE REVERSE SIDE  
CAREFULLY

You must complete this form for each unit of government for which a property tax is levied. Penalty for non-filing is provided under MCL Sec 211.119.  
The following tax rates have been authorized for levy on the 2006 tax roll.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)**	(6)	(7)	(8) Sec 211.34, Truth in Assessing or Equalization Millage Rollback Fraction	(9) Maximum Allowable Millage Levy*	(10) Millage Requested to be Levied July 1	(11) Millage Requested to be Levied Dec. 1	(12) Expiration Date of Millage Authorized
Source	Purpose of Millage	Date of Election	Original Millage Authorized by Election, Charter, etc.	2005 Millage Rate Permanently Reduced by MCL 211.34d Headlee	2006 Current Year Headlee Millage Reduction Fraction	2006 Millage Rate Permanently Reduced by MCL 211.34d Headlee					
Allocated	Operating	08/08/78	1.4100	0.9536	1.0000	0.9536	1.0000	0.9536		0.9500	
Voted	Library	08/07/84	1.0000	0.6764	1.0000	0.6764	1.0000	0.6764		0.6764	
Voted	Library	11/07/95	0.8500	0.7218	1.0000	0.7218	1.0000	0.7218		0.7218	
Voted	Debt	11/07/95		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			0.4100	05/2016
Voted	Parks & Rec	2/22/2000	0.9645	0.8538	1.0000	0.8538	1.0000	0.8538		0.8538	12/31/2009
Voted	Fire Debt	11/7/2000	1.3600	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.3600		0.8500	12/31/2014
Voted	Fire Op/EMS	5/3/2005	1.5000	1.5000	1.0000	1.5000	1.0000	1.5000		1.5000	12/31/2009
Voted	ALS	5/3/2005	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000		1.0000	12/31/2009

Prepared by Oakland County Equalization	Telephone Number (248) 858-0752	Title of Preparer Tax Standards Specialist	Date
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As the representatives for the local government unit named above, we certify that these requested tax levy rates have been reduced, if necessary to comply with the  
state constitution (Article 9, Section 31), and that the requested levy rates have also been reduced, if necessary, to comply with MCL Sections 211.24a and 211.34, and,  
for LOCAL school districts which levy a Supplemental (Hold Harmless) Millage, 380.1211(3).

<input type="checkbox"/> Clerk <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input type="checkbox"/> President	 Clara J. Sanderson, Clerk Type Name William Dunn, Supervisor	Date 10/12/06 10/12/06
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\* Under Truth in Taxation, MCL Section 211.24a, the governing body may decide to levy a rate which will not exceed the maximum authorized rate allowed in column 9.  
The requirements of MCL 211.24a must be met prior to levying an operating levy which is larger than the base tax rate but not larger than the rate in column 9.

\*\* IMPORTANT: See instructions on the reverse side regarding where to find the millage rate used in column (5).







<u>Cemetery Maintenance</u>	<u>Police Narcotics</u>	<u>Safety Path</u>	<u>Police</u>	<u>Telecom- munication</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$ 47,203	\$ 4,336	\$ 52,336	\$ 1,475	\$ 20,315	\$ 817,008
-	-	-	-	-	80,927
-	-	-	-	-	2,009
<u>\$ 47,203</u>	<u>\$ 4,336</u>	<u>\$ 52,336</u>	<u>\$ 1,475</u>	<u>\$ 20,315</u>	<u>\$ 899,944</u>

\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,294	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,353
-	-	-	-	-	3,606
-	-	-	-	-	200
-	-	-	-	-	9,901
-	-	3,294	-	-	31,060

<u>47,203</u>	<u>4,336</u>	<u>49,042</u>	<u>1,475</u>	<u>20,315</u>	<u>868,884</u>
<u>\$ 47,203</u>	<u>\$ 4,336</u>	<u>\$ 52,336</u>	<u>\$ 1,475</u>	<u>\$ 20,315</u>	<u>\$ 899,944</u>

# EXHIBIT F

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.







EXHIBIT G

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT	2000 ACTUAL REVENUE/ EXPENSES	2001 ACTUAL REVENUE/ EXPENSES	2002 ACTUAL REVENUE/ EXPENSES	2003 ACTUAL REVENUE/ EXPENSES	2004 ACTUAL REVENUE/ EXPENSES	2005 ACTUAL REVENUE/ EXPENSES	2006 AMENDED ADOPTED BUDGET	2007 ADOPTED BUDGET
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REVENUES: FUND 209 - 000 - CEMETERY MAINTENANCE FUND

402.000	Open Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ 75,013.00	\$ 182,132.00	\$ 150,101.00	\$ 70,265.00	\$ 69,689.00	\$ 47,203.00	\$ 39,000.00
664.001	Interest CD/Pool	13.00	2,983.00	2,703.00	966.00	715.00	1,802.00	1,908.00	2,000.00
676.101	Trans G/F	75,000.00	114,650.00	8,850.00	11,747.00	-	-	-	-
698.000	Misc	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Revenue Total	\$ 75,013.00	\$ 192,646.00	\$ 193,685.00	\$ 162,814.00	\$ 70,980.00	\$ 71,491.00	\$ 49,103.00	\$ 41,000.00
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EXPENSES: FUND 209 - CEMETERY MAINTENANCE FUND

DEPARTMENT 276 - CEMETERY MAINTENANCE FUND

728.000	Office Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
801.000	Planner	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
811.000	Restoration	-	-	36,474.00	68,287.00	-	22,460.00	46,003.00	37,908.00
821.000	Eng Fees	-	1,084.00	7,046.00	785.00	23.00	-	-	-
826.000	Legal Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
890.000	Contingencies	-	-	65.00	-	-	-	-	-
930.000	Postage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
932.000	Cemetery Maintenance	-	9,450.00	-	23,252.00	-	1,801.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
962.000	Misc	-	-	-	245.00	1,268.00	27.00	100.00	100.00

\$23,460 2005 N Oxford Road Planting

2003 Ice Storm Clean Up

Expense Total	\$ -	\$ 10,514.00	\$ 43,584.00	\$ 92,549.00	\$ 1,291.00	\$ 24,288.00	\$ 49,103.00	\$ 41,000.00
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Fund Balances, December 31	\$ 75,013.00	\$ 182,132.00	\$ 150,101.00	\$ 70,265.00	\$ 69,689.00	\$ 47,203.00		
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# All those townships may be barriers to savings

State should investigate efficiencies  
of eliminating some local governments

**I**n Michigan, 1,242 townships are a big part of the state's long tradition of home rule and local control. In many ways, they have served Michigan well. Roughly half of the state's 10 million residents live in townships, enjoying a layer of government that's closer to the people for services such as fire protection, police, planning, zoning and tax collection.

But in an era of scarce resources, politicians and policy makers must be on the lookout for ways to streamline government and cut costs. Too many units of government can impede the regional cooperation needed to make urban areas competitive. You need cooperation to develop sensible transportation systems and land-use plans that fix urban blight and preserve important farms and wetlands.

In southeast Michigan alone,

there are 241 local units of government that too often compete instead of cooperate. Across the state, nearly 2,000 cities, townships, villages and counties act in similar fashion.

All that suggests it may be time to revisit the role of townships in the state. It might be that Michigan, like other states, can do away with that layer of government while still providing strong local services. And if there are true cost savings to be found in eliminating townships, no state politician or policy maker could afford to brush the idea aside.

A bill sponsored by state Rep. Paul Condino, D-Southfield, should jump-start this important debate. Condino's legislation would strip townships of the power to collect property taxes, administer elections and assess property, and give it to counties. It would certainly make township governments less

powerful and may increase their efficiency.

But going forward, supporters of Condino's bill must prove — and not assume — that such changes will actually save money. The House Fiscal Agency could study the effects and report back on them. It's dangerous to assume that consolidating government will achieve efficiencies, even when common sense suggests they will.

Low-paid, part-time elected officials, for example, perform most of the tax collecting, election and assessing duties in their townships. Sometimes, assessing is even contracted out on a competitive basis. Either way, shifting such labor-intensive duties to higher-paid county officials could raise costs.

The state also needs proof that eliminating township authority will improve cooperation. Some townships, for example, already embrace regionalism by sharing services such as fire and police protection, assessing, parks, recreation and sewers with other

municipalities. In fact, most ships have joint fire operations.

If townships were abolished, the state would likely have to create other special government districts such as fire, water and sewers. Before acting to change powers of townships or abolishing them, the state must consider whether the costs to Michigan outweigh the benefits. Condino's bill should not move forward until such questions are thoroughly answered — with facts, and assumptions.

Michigan's fiscal crisis presents an opportunity for the state to reorganize government. Despite predictable political opposition from township and school district officials, the state should take a hard look at consolidating its 1,242 public school districts, reducing, or even abolishing, some townships. But moving ahead with fundamental reorganization of government without a serious look at the costs and benefits would be as irresponsible as doing nothing at all.

EXHIBIT H

